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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 1 is a side view of an image recording apparatus according to the first embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a medium tray according to the first embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a fixing section of the medium tray of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a side view of the medium tray of Fig. 2, wherein a long medium is set at the medium tray.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a medium tray according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 6 is a side view of the medium tray of Fig. 5, wherein a long medium is set at the medium tray.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a medium tray according to the third embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 8 is a side view of the medium tray of Fig. 7, wherein a long medium is set at the medium tray.

Fig. 9 is a side view of an image recording apparatus according to the fourth embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 10 is a side view of an image recording apparatus according to the fifth embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an image recording apparatus according to the sixth embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 12 is a side view of the image recording apparatus of Fig. 11, showing a setting operation of a long medium.

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Fig. 13 is a side view of the image recording apparatus of Fig. 11, showing an outputting operation of a recorded medium.

Fig. 14 is a side view of the image recording apparatus of Fig. 11, showing an opening/closing operation of an access cover.

Fig. 15 is a perspective view of an image recording apparatus according to the seventh embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 16 is a side view of the image recording apparatus of Fig. 15, showing an outputting operation of a recorded medium.

Fig. 17 is a side view of the image recording apparatus of Fig. 15, showing an opening/closing operation of an access cover.

Fig. 18 is a side view of the image recording apparatus of Fig. 15, showing an opening/closing operation of an access cover. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In Fig. 2, the medium feeding section 100 is provided with a medium tray 101 projecting from the face of the main body of the image recording apparatus 200 and composed of a medium support 1, a guide 5, a band 6, and a plurality of guards 7. The medium support 1 is made of a synthetic resin, box-shaped, and connected to the guide 5 at an end thereof. The guide 5 is made by assembling metallic shafts and fixed to a support face 1a of the medium support 1 at a predetermined angle. The predetermined angle is set at substantially right angles with respect to the supporting face 1a. The band 6 is made of a synthetic resin and attached to the guide 5 such that the space between the

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band 6 and the guide 5 has a size slightly greater than the thickness of the maximum number of media set in the medium feeding section 100. The guards 7 extend downwardly from the band 6 in parallel to the guide 5. --

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In Fig. 3, a fixing section for fixing the medium tray 101 to the image recording apparatus is provided with a pair of upper and lower engaging portions 8 and 9 at both sides of the tray 101 in the widthwise direction of the tray 101. The medium feeding section 100 of the image recording apparatus 200 is provided with a medium absorber 3. Frames 4 disposed on both sides of the absorber 3 are provided with upper and lower engaged portions 4a and 4b which engage with the upper and lower engaging portion portions 8 and 9 of the tray 101, respectively. The frames 4 are made of a sheet metal forming the main body 200 of the image recording apparatus.

The medium tray 101 is fixed to the main body 200 by engaging the upper and lower engaging portions 8 and 9 of the tray 101 with the upper and lower engaged portion portions 4a and 4b of the frames 4, respectively. In this embodiment, the medium support 1 of the tray 101 is fixed to the main body 200 at a predetermined angle so that media are fed efficiently. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In Fig. 6, the back face of the lengthy medium P is supported by the plane section 10a and curved section 10b of the medium support 10 and guide 11. The front face of the lengthy medium P is supported by and folded at the

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medium folding shaft 13 and the rear end of the lengthy medium P is supported by the supporters 15a and 15b of the top frame 15 with the front face thereof facing down. In this embodiment, it is designed that the rear end of the lengthy medium P having a length of 900 mm is supported by the supporter 15a and the rear end of the lengthy medium having a length of 1,200 mm is supported by the supporter 15b. The rear sides side of the medium is restricted by the top guide 16 in the widthwise direction of the medium. The curvature of the curved section 10b and the height of the guide 11 are determined such that the lengthy medium is not folded forcibly. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In Fig. 8, the back face of the lengthy medium P is supported by the plane and curved sections 10a and 10b of the medium support 10 and the guide 11. The front face of the lengthy medium P is supported by and folded at the medium folding rollers 17 and the rear end of the lengthy medium P is supported by the medium supporting roller 20 or 21 of the top frame 15 with the front face thereof facing down. In this embodiment, it is designed that the rear end of the lengthy medium P having a length of 900 mm is supported by the supporting roller 20 and the rear end of the lengthy medium having a length of 1,200 mm is supported by the supporting roller 21. The rear sides side of the medium is restricted by the top guide 22 in the widthwise direction of the medium. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- In Fig. 13, the medium Pa after recording, which is outputted from the medium outputting portion 202c, is guided along the front faces of the stacker 202a and access cover upper guide 34 and transported onto the tray upper guide 35 to be stacked. A plurality of the ~~median~~ media are stacked in the same way one upon another. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The first upper guide 42 is rotatably supported at both sides of the medium receiver 40 and switches the position thereof from where it forms a continuous medium transportation guide with the stacker 202a and the second upper guide 43 to where it separates from the access cover 202. The second upper guide 43 is rotatably supported at both the sides of the medium receiver 40 and switches the position thereof from where it covers above the medium tray 107 to where it opens the space above the medium receiver 40. The holding guide 44 is provided under the second upper guide 43 so that the rear portion of the lengthy medium P is rolled and held in the space surrounded by the second upper guide 43 and the holding guide 44. Each of the guide 41, first and second upper guides 42 and 43, and holding guide 44 is made of a metal shaft so as to make the medium tray less heavy. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In Fig. 17, the medium Pa after recording, which is outputted from the medium outputting portion 202c, is guided along the front faces of the stacker 202a and first upper guide 42 and transported onto the second upper guide

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43 to be stacked. A plurality of the ~~median~~ media are  
stacked in the same way one upon another. --